IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. : 10/599689 Confirmation No. 2871

Applicant : Tomoyuki Kume et al. Filed : October 5, 2006

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Title : PROCESS FOR PRODUCING LIGHT ABSORBING

LAYER FOR CHALCOPYRITE TYPE THIN-FILM SOLAR

CELL (as amended)

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Letter Requesting Official Filing Receipt STATUS INQUIRY

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Sir/Madam:

The above-identified application was filed October 5, 2006, and applicant's attorney has not yet received an Official Filing Receipt in this application. Applicant respectfully requests that a filing receipt be mailed to the attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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